(b) Six castes/sub-castes/communities synonyms have been included in the Central List of Other Backward Classes in respect of Uttar Pradesh and notified in the Gazette of India (Extraordinary) dated 17th December, 1997. Statement

S.No.	Name of State/ Union Territory	Number of Castes/sub-castes/ Communities/ synonyms advised by National Commission for Backward Classes for inclusion in the Central List of Backward Classes during 1997 and 1998
1.	Andhra Pradesh	12
2.	Bihar	7
3.	Goa	6
4.	Gujarat	24
5.	Haryana	14
6.	Karnataka	104
7.	Kerala	32
8.	Madhya Pradesh	37
9.	Maharashtra	16
10.	Orissa	23
11.	Punjab	14
12.	Rajasthan	33
13.	Sikkim	2
14.	Tamil Nadu	17
15.	Tripura	11
16.	Uttar Pradesh	60
17.	West Bengal	28
18.	Chandigarh	7
19.	Delhi	8
20.	Pondicherry	5

Expanding the Area of NCR

*392. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS and EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to expand the area of National Capital Region (NCR);

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the purpose of expanding NCR;

(c) whether the member States have expressed a lot of displeasure and disenchantment at the concept;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to sort out bilateral problems to ensure a business like National Capital Region Planning Board?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) and (b) In the meeting of the NCR Planning Board held on 23rd March, 1999, it was decided in principle that the area covered under the NCR will be extended in order to decongest Delhi and disperse population and activities over a much larger area. Details are yet to be worked out.

(c) to (e) The member States have expressed their concern as the concept has not taken of due to a variety of reasons, viz.—

(1) The policies of the Delhi Government with continuing population influx.

(2) The slow progress of dispersal of economic activities, namely, industries, wholesale trade and commerce, relocation of PSUs and other offices from Delhi to outside Delhi.

(3) No concrete action to remove the disparity in taxation between various States of the NCR specially *visa-vis* NCT of Delhi.

(4) Slow progress in providing regional infrastructure.

Bilateral issues are sorted out through meetings at various levels, including those at the level of Chairman, NCRPB.